

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Rod Ross et al.

Application No.: 10/672,730

Filed: September 25, 2003

For: **CUTTING BLADE ASSEMBLY  
FOR A MICROKERATOME**

Examiner: Vi X. Nguyen

Art Group: 3731

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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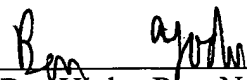
Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement issued on November 30, 2005. The Examiner has requested an election the Species of figures 2-4; figures 5-7; figures 8- 10; figure 11; figures 12-14; figure 15 and figure 16-17. The Applicant hereby elects figures 5-7. The corresponding claims are claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 33, 34, 35 and 36. The Applicant makes this election without traverse.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,  
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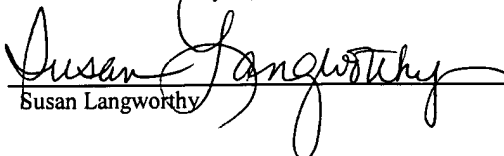
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